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One of the major events at last year's Summer Session of the International Institute of Design was the Manhattan workshop. This study, which arose from the imminent redevelopment of the site of a power station owned by the Consolidated Edison Company - who part-funded the Workshop - was seen as a testing ground for solutions to the world wide problem of resuscitating

redundant industrial areas of the city. The Workshop as such never really got going because of a split between the New York contingent, flown over by Con Ed, and the students at the Session. The New

Yorkers saw the incredible future growth and increasing energy consumption of the area as inevitable, and were prepared to design for it; the students had a more hopeful attitude - that there were perhaps alternative forms of progress and design attitudes should be geared towards them.

We publish three of the talks from the Session which, together, give some idea of the enormous problems involved in the planning of such an area and of the problems that will have to be overcome before a more sympathetic urban environment can be attained.

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